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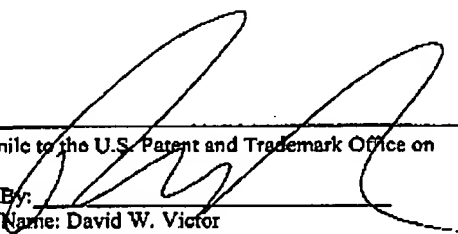
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the final office action dated September 9, 2004 ("Final Office Action"), in which the Examiner allowed claims 17, 20-28, and 33-36, found that claims 3, 6, 8-14, 17, 20, 22-28, 37, and 38 would be allowed if written in independent form and rejected claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 15, 16, 18, 19, 21, 29-32, and 34 as anticipated (35 U.S.C. §102) or obvious (35 U.S.C. §103) over prior art. The Examiner further rejected claims 39-52 as lacking enablement and indefinite under 35 U.S.C. §112, pars. 1 and 2.

On November 1<sup>st</sup>, the attorney for Applicants and the Examiner held a phone interview to discuss the rejection. The Examiner suggested a clarification amendment to the claims to clarify that the sub-pel region is less than a region of the pel. The Examiner said he would likely enter this amendment and would consider whether the amended claims are in condition for allowance. Applicants submit the suggested amendment and traverse the prior art and 35 U.S.C. §112, pars. 1 and 2 rejections for the reasons discussed herein.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 14.